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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response, which expired January 22, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel from prosecution, without prejudice, claims 1-3 and 17.